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SUBJECT: CONTROL DATA CORPORATION USERS MEETING IN BUDAPEST

ROBERT WESSLUND, CONTROL DATA CORPORATION (CDC) VICE PRESIDENT, INFORMED EMBASSY ECON OFFICER SEPTEMBER 5 VIA TELECON FROM MINNEAPOLIS THAT PROBLEM HAD DEVELOPED CONCERNING A LARGE MEETING PLANNED FOR BUDAPEST SEPTEMBER 22-25. APPROXIMATELY 225 CDC EQUIPMENT USERS AND EXECUTIVES HAVE ARRANGED TO MEET IN BUDAPEST UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS SUPPOSEDLY CONFIRMED OVER ONE MONTH AGO, WESSLUND REPORTED THAT DUE TO LARGE SOCCER MATCH IN HUNGARY RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELED AND THAT SOME HOTELS HAD INCREASED PRICES, IN SOME CASES TO \$85 PER NIGHT.

2. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO WESSLUND:

"EMBASSY ECON OFFICER DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH CONFERENCE BUREAU AT HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WHICH REPORTED THAT SINCE CDC PAID DOLLAR DEPOSIT, ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE MADE THROUGH VOLAN TOURIST BUREAU, AND ACADEMY PRECLUDED FROM MAKING THEM DIRECTLY. CONFERENCE BUREAU REQUESTED ROOMS ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, AND HAD JUST LEARNED THAT HOTEL GELLERT ONLY HAD ROOMS AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 22, INCLUDING FIVE APARTMENTS FOR TWO PERSONS EACH

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AT \$85/NIGHT. THIRTY CONFEREES ARRIVING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AFFECTED. ECON OFFICER
DISCUSSED WITH GELLERT MANAGER AND DIRECTOR, WHO SHOWED
LETTER FROM VOLAN DATED JULY 31, 1975, MAKING INITIAL
REQUEST FOR FIVE APARTMENTS, FIVE DOUBLES AND TEN
SINGLES. GELLERT FULLY BOOKED SEPTEMBER 20 DUE TO
OTHER LU RE DELEGATIONS AND SOCCER MATCH. EMBASSY
HAS MADE DIRECT ARRANGEMENTS WITH VOLAN AND GELLERT
FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21; OUR
UNDERSTANDING IS NO \$85 APARTMENTS WILL BE USED.
VOLAN AND EMBASSY NOW ATTEMPTING MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THESE THIRTY PEOPLE FOR SEPTEMBER 20. VOLAN HAS
MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REST OF THE GROUP,
ALTHOUGH SOME ARE AT SECOND CLASS (BY AMERICAN
STANDARDS) HOTELS. CONFERENCE BUREAU CONSULTED. WE
WILL INFORM YOU OF PROGRESS."
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